## EXHIBIT D

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The following procedures shall be used to resolve any controversy or claim (a "<u>Dispute</u>") as provided in this agreement. If any of these provisions are determined to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect and binding on the parties to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## Mediation

A dispute shall be submitted to mediation by written notice to the other party or parties. In the mediation process, the parties will try to resolve their differences voluntarily with the aid of an impartial mediator, who will attempt to facilitate negotiations. The mediator will be selected by agreement of the parties. If the parties cannot agree on a mediator, a mediator will be designated by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") or JAMS/Endispute at the request of a party. Any mediator so designated must be acceptable to all parties.

The mediation will be conducted as specified by the mediator and agreed upon by the parties. The parties agree to discuss their differences in good faith and to attempt, with the assistance of the mediator, to reach an amicable resolution of the dispute. The mediation will be treated as a settlement discussion and therefore will be confidential. The mediator may not testify for either party in any later proceeding relating to the dispute. No recording or transcript shall be made of the mediation proceedings.

Each party will bear its own costs in the mediation. The fees and expenses of the mediator will be shared equally by the parties.

## **Arbitration**

If a dispute has not been resolved within 90 days after the written notice beginning the mediation process (or a longer period, if the parties agree to extend the mediation), the mediation shall terminate and the dispute will be settled by arbitration and judgment on the award rendered by the arbitration may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. The arbitration will be conducted in accordance with the procedures in this document and the Arbitration Rules for Professional Accounting and Related Services Disputes of the AAA ("AAA Rules").